

George Bain House
2115 Park Avenue
St. Louis
St. Louis City County
Missouri

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Location: 2115 Park Avenue, St. Louis, St. Louis City
County, Missouri

Present Owner: Mrs. Jewell Swan.

Present Occupant: Mrs. Jewell Swan and others.

Present Use: Rooming house.

Brief Statement
of Significance: This 2-1/2 story, brick and stone house, built
in 1870, is an example of the work of George I.
Barnett, a leading 19th century architect in
St. Louis.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- A. Original and subsequent owners: George and Clara Bain, 1870-1886. Charles Everts 1887 to 1891 died. Mrs. Everts to 1914 - Everts' children owned to 1919. Wm. Henry to Donald and Jewell Kelley 1951.
- B. Date of erection: 1870.
- C. Architect: George Ingham Barnett (1815-1898), A.I.A. Barnett was born in Nottingham, England, and educated in London. He settled in St. Louis about 1840 and was a leading architect in Missouri--for over 50 years. See: John A. Bryan in the Missouri Historical Review, January 1934.
- D. Notes on alterations and additions: Interior altered beyond recognition.
- E. Sources of Information: Logan Uriah Reavis, Saint Louis: The Future Great City of the World, Biographical edition (St. Louis: Gray Baker and Co., [c. 1875/]).

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. Architectural Character: This is a brick and stone house, 2-1/2 stories high with a mansard roof, and an example of the work of George I. Barnett.
- B. Technical Description of Exterior
 - 1. Over-all dimensions: Two-and-a-half stories; irregular shape; approximately rectangular, 45' x 65'; center hall layout.

2. Foundations: Brick.
3. Wall construction: Brick - street facade is faced with smooth faced, regular ashlar.
4. Porches: One-story high front porch, polished Missouri granite columns with Corinthian capitals; nearly flat hip roof.
5. Chimneys: Removed.
6. Openings: Arched; semicircular on first floor, segmental on the second floor. Double hung windows with plate glass.
7. Roof
 - a. Shape, covering: Mansard roof, slate covered.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Large wood cornice with modillions and paired brackets.
 - c. Dormers: Several types of dormers, typical of the mansard roofs of the period, in heavily relieved frames.

C. Interior

NOTE: Interior has been altered to the point that nothing recognizable of the original remains.

D. Site

1. Enclosures: Fence on cut stone foundation with cast-iron palings.

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